
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
March 2, 2006

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Paul Bowlen, at 10:14 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bowlen, Paul (Vice Chair)	City of Cerritos
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
Williams, Diane	SANBAG

Members Not Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Davert, Doug	City of Tustin
Edney, Jon A.	City of El Centro/IVAG
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Kirby, Dan	SGVCOG
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Ramirez, Rick	Gateway Cities
Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah (Chair)	City of Rialto
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities

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White, Charles

WRCOG Subregion

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Paul Bowlen called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. The Vice Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Debbie Cook of Huntington Beach invited the members to attend the upcoming Energy Conference. The Conference will be held Friday, March 10 at the Metropolitan Water Department office in the downtown Los Angeles. Councilmember Cook gave a special thanks to the sponsors of the conference: AQMD, MWD, CPUC, OCTA, SANBAG, RCTC, Irvine Ranch Water District and Rainbow Disposal. The cost for Energy Conference is \$40, Regional Council members are free. On-line registration ends on March 6.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember McCallon and seconded by Councilmember Green to approve the consent calendar as submitted. It was approved unanimously.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of February 2, 2006

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 An Inclusionary Housing Profile of Seven Southern California Cities

4.2.2 State Legislative Matrix

4.2.3 Intergovernmental Review

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2006 Regional Champion Award

The 2006 Regional Champion Award is an opportunity for each member to nominate a non-elected individual who is a leader in some area of the committee's focus. Vice Chair Paul Bowlen nominated Mr. Art Galucci, City Manager of Cerritos. Vice Chair Bowlen stated that Mr. Galucci was a key person in the development of Avalon Villas. This housing facility is built on the campus of

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Cerritos College. The Villas is a senior housing project that is tied in with the College curriculum, such as, the nursing program, students who help residents out at the center, food preparation course helps with food for the seniors.

Mr. Gallucci has also been responsible for the low income housing project which is now in the discussion phase. This project would aid single mothers and fathers who are trying to go to college. This would project would also be located on the outskirts of the Cerritos campus.

Finally, Mr. Gallucci brought the idea to the city for replacing a lot of warehouses in the city with some mixed housing. Other projects such as an award for a waste water treatment plant; the city along with other cities built an electric power plant; a number of parks that have won awards, etc. These were all in some way initiated by Mr. Gallucci.

With no other nominations Vice Chair Bowlen moved that the Committee nominate Mr. Art Galucci for the 2006 Regional Champion Award as submitted by the CEHD, it was seconded by Councilmember Coerper and passed unanimously.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Compass 2% Strategy Update

Mr. John Fregonese Calthorpe Associates, consultant for SCAG, presented to the Committee an update on the on-going effort as part of the "Compass 2% Strategy Implementation, Integration with Growth Forecasting, and Input to the 2008 RTP Update" contract.

Mr. Fregonese gave a comprehensive overview of the project that SCAG has now been asked by 15 cities to come in and work on demonstration projects in their region. Cities with ongoing projects such as: Los Angeles County 5 Expo line stations, San Bernardino, Rolling Hills, Montclair, Ontario, Riverside County (Corona, Hemet, Moreno Valley, Riverside, and Perris). Mr. Fregonese emphasized that it is important in each case that SCAG was asked for their help in developing projects in their regions.

6.4 Communications Workshop

Don Rhodes, SCAG staff, gave an overview of government affairs and new member orientation. Mr. Rhodes briefly described the outreach program for SCAG generally is driven by the Communications Task Force which goes through the Regional Council. Mr. Rhodes presented the Committee with the Member Handbook that tells everything there is to know about SCAG and what

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Regional Council members do. Mr. Rhodes went on to discuss the "Bylaws" of the Communications Task Force and what they do to help the Regional Council and its members. Another item of interest Mr. Rhodes introduced the staff members (Member Relations Officers) whose job it is to help SCAG members in the region Arnold San Miguel, Linda Jones, Darin Chidsey, and Ken Maxey each member relations officer is assigned a specific region.

Other aids to members is the 2006 Legislative Reference Guide which specifically lists all State Legislature and Congress representative from the SCAG region, with their contact information. Mr. Rhodes asked if the Committee might have suggestions on how staff could further aid them in their work. Mr. Rhodes then introduced staff member Cheryl Collier who spoke on some of the tools introduced at SCAG as resource material.

Ms. Collier introduced the E-Vision newsletter that goes out to all Regional Council members, city managers, and others distribution list of the E-Vision which now amounts to 800. This E-Vision is an updated newsletter of everything that is going on in the organization. The E-Vision comes out every 6-8 weeks, it includes the President's message which highlights key activities on the part of the Regional Council, the Executive Director report which also highlights key activities, SCAG's action report which focuses on the Regional Council actions as well as the activities of each policy committee. There is a section entitled "What's Hot" in the E-Vision that discusses absolutely the hottest work going on at SCAG.

Cheryl went on to discuss other resources here at SCAG such as the "Guide to SCAG", and benefits of membership document.

A discussion followed about who was receiving copies of the E-Vision and other electronic document. It was agreed that staff would make an effort on behalf of Committee members to make sure e-mail addresses were up-to-date and accurate. It was also agreed that Committee members after receiving copies of electronic documents, that members would then get copies out to the cities they represent. Staff was asked to in some way create a form that members can use to send out quarterly reports to the cities they represent.

Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, gave an overview of the Community Development's work program. In Planning and Policy department under Hasan Ikhata who is the Director there are three sections: Lynn Harris, Community Development staff supports CEHD; Rich Macias Manager of Transportation staff support for the Transportation Communication Committee;

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Sylvia Patsaouras Manager of Environmental Planning, staff support Energy and Environment Committee.

Ms. Harris briefly discussed the seven items of the work program being conducted in the Community Development Section. They are: Compass 2% Strategy; Regional Housing Needs Assessment Program; Blueprint Planning; RTP Growth Forecast, Economic Policy, Intergovernmental Review program, and the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Harris then went to the homepage of the SCAG website to show the Committee where the work items can be found on the web. An example of some of the material on the web a demonstration of how to find one of the 2% Strategy maps that can be found on the web.

After Ms. Harris' report the Vice Chair asked if there were any members who wanted to share how they were getting information out to the cities/counties they represent. At that point, Councilmember McCallon stated that after each policy committee and Regional Council meeting he distributes a report to the mayors and city councils he represents (Highland and San Bernardino) as to what is going on in the region. Councilmember McCallon also sends out his copy of the E-Vision that he receives to his members.

Councilmember Christine Barnes said she would be taking the information distributed by staff back to her Council and cities that she represents. Councilmember Paula Lantz asked if there could be a summary of what happened in each policy committee meeting and the Regional Council.

Vice Chair Bowlen asked if staff could come back to the Committee in April with a summary of the discussion and other suggestions for the Committee to review. It was moved by Councilmember Paula Lantz and seconded by Councilmember Mary Ann Krause for staff to return to Committee with a summary of the discussion suggestions for Committee distribution of information.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director, gave a report on the status of a draft RHNA Pilot Program for Southern California SCAG Region. Mr. Pisano went into detail on how the Pilot Program would work. At the end of his presentation Councilmember Richardson had several questions and as a result of this discussion it was decided to bring this item back for more in-depth discussion. It was moved by Councilmember Richardson and seconded by Councilmember McCullough to have this item on a future agenda to discuss the RHNA program. Supervisor Chris Norby wanted the Committee to take into account that there are 2 cities in the region who don't have any zoned housing in their cities and that are Vernon and Industry. It was passed unanimously to bring back the RHNA for

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more in-depth discussion, possibly a joint workshop with the other policy committees.

Councilmember McCullough wanted to know if her county would be getting credit under the new RHNA for all the housing going up in Orange County. She asked that staff have an answer on this future RHNA discussion. Hasan Ikhrata answered that no, no credit would be given for anything built in this cycle to be credited for the next cycle.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, asked the Committee to please review the Blueprint Grant Work Program, the program provides some approaches that staff is attempting to take under the California Blueprint program that would help link transportation-housing planning together. This theme is going to be part of the Regional Housing Summit "Where Will Our Children Live?". Councilmember Nowatka reported on the logistics of the Summit which would be held April 20, 2006, at the Toyota Meeting Hall, Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA, from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Councilmember Nowatka said some the program specific are still being discussed but that the Summit promises to be well-attended. There will be a lunch provided free of charge. He encouraged everyone that planned to attend to sign up early for the conference because of the limited seating.

It was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember Jasper to carryover items 6.2 and 6.3 due to time constraints. It was passed unanimously.

7.1 Blueprint Grant Work Program

7.2 Regional Comprehensive Plan Update

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RHNA workshop.

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10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The CEHD was adjourned at 12:00. The next CEHD meeting will be held April 6, 2006 at the SCAG office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**